

### *Local High School Artists to Be Featured on Congressman's Facebook Page, Winner's Artwork Will Be Displayed in U.S. Capitol*

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced the beginning of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 who either reside or attend high school in New York's 22nd Congressional District. This year's competition is going online, as submitted artwork will be featured on Hinchey's official Facebook page and Facebook users will have the opportunity to help select a finalist in the competition. The first place winner will have his or her artwork publicly displayed on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for one year. Those wishing to participate can learn more by visiting <http://hinchey.house.gov/art> .

"This prestigious art competition will give our gifted students a chance to show their work to the residents of the 22nd Congressional District and to the nation," said Hinchey. "I am also happy to announce that this year we will be bringing the competition online, allowing the public to help select one of the competition's finalists and ensuring that people in the district I represent have an opportunity to view the creativity and beauty of the artwork created by students in our part of New York. I wish the young artists who participate the best of luck!"

The competition, which was initiated by Congress in 1982, includes hundreds of thousands of high school students from across the nation. One piece from each congressional district will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The winning student will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in the nation's Capitol.

Details for the 2011 competition can be found [here](#) .